







**Jus' Ramblin'**  
BY  
LUCILE K. WOODHAM McRAE

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known better since he gets excited about nothing - he's long and when I asked him what was wrong he said he had put his teeth in his shirt pocket and that while he was picking up sticks ahead of me and my mower he had lost them and that I had moved "his teeth". I told him to settle down and think a little bit for I knew positively that I had not moved any teeth into his, but he was so excited he refused to do any thinking - he knew he had dropped them and I had moved them. I suggested several places he might have put them but it was wasted time. He went chasing out to the places we had moved and was taking the place by rows.

After Robert finished repairing the air conditioning I went out to help him find "his teeth". I had forgotten all about the rigs, I told him I knew they were not out there but he was so sure. So I spent some time helping him look for them. Finally, I thought about the rigs and I ran to the house. When I opened the kitchen door the syrup from the rigs met me. I was then the one upset but he was still hunting his teeth and I felt sorry for him.

I started the day by cleaning up the syrup from the floor and stove and saying some pretty mean things they belonged he would know where they were and also saying if I ever got a hold of those teeth I would stop them. But luck was with me after all - the rigs had not turned but were actually beautifully preserved. It was that mess on the floor and stove that had me going. It was a heck of a job getting up the syrup and it took several cleanings before it was not sticky. Even now I come across some sticky spots that have to be cleaned again.

Then I found his teeth - they were wrapped in paper toweling on the cabinet in the kitchen. I was tempted to throw them on the floor where I had just mowed up the syrup and stomp them but instead I went to the back yard and called him telling him to get back in the house. That sorta shocked him and he thought something had happened to me - there had. You have heard of people so mad they could spit, or so mad they couldn't see. That is how mad I was. He came back to the house real quick and wanted to know what was the trouble. Then I asked him to look around on top of the cabinet for his teeth. Then he remembered. And I was fit to be tied.

But we managed to live through the balance of the day since the day was then about gone. It would have been one of the best stoves you have ever seen if you could have seen it actually as it happened and us not know anyone was looking on. But that was just one of the many things that is always happening at our house. The night before we had been guests of friends at the Officer's Club and I had been very much embarrassed. I started the day by cleaning up the syrup from the floor and stove and saying some pretty mean things they belonged he would know where they were and also saying if I ever got a hold of those teeth I would stop them.

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But I have warned Mack to keep his teeth where they belong and we will not have the problem of hunting them. ONE of the interesting things about New Orleans is folk tales along the Mississippi and the story about the mysterious Marie Laveau, a Voodoo queen. The miraculous achievements attributed to the persons involved in Voodooism are from tales handed down, according to Raymond J. Martinez, author of "Voodoo Queen" and several other books of the Mississippi and New Orleans.

There was a time when Voodooism was a serious part of life in the community. Folk tales are told many times and each time in a slightly different way, and passed on from generation to generation. Martinez said in the preface of his book "Voodoo Queen" that he had written them down. "The story of Marie Laveau is of interest chiefly because she succeeded in the practice of Voodooism in a community where culture was high and the Christian religion eminent," Martinez said in the preface of his book "Voodoo Queen".

The voodoo queen, Marie Laveau, actually existed but according to Martinez the tales about her could have been changed in many ways as tales were handed down. But they must have been fairly correct since some of his material was taken from newspaper accounts printed in New Orleans during those early years.

Many editorial comments were written in reference to Marie Laveau as the "Voodoo Queen." She is said to have been a 12-foot step ladder we wanted in mixing Voodooism with Christianity. Her work was of a very clever person according to Martinez who said to some she was a saint, to others the devil incarnate.

In the book "Voodoo Queen" there are pictures of a Voodoo Dance in New Orleans, taken from the Century Magazine of 1886 and a picture of a typical Voodoo in New Orleans. Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau's tomb is in the St. Louis cemetery No. 1 in New Orleans and it is said that to some it is believed that she can still cast spells or influence lovers. Thousands of prominent men and women of New Orleans believed whatever she said. They dared not disbelieve, for she had the power to scare the wits out of them, according to a message in Martinez's book. Thousands flocked to her and would do anything she told them to do to make their wishes come true, such as wearing good luck charms, usually the end of a black cat's tail or a rabbit's foot or a twig or a pebble from a graveyard, or any other item which she sold.

Martinez said that Marie Laveau was, from all accounts, an ignorant woman and that if she could read and write that was the extent of her education, and that it was certain that she never read a book in her lifetime and that it was doubtful that she ever read a newspaper, yet men and women who had been educated at the leading colleges and universities of the United States and Europe went to seek her advice in personal matters and political activities concerning the local government and the nations of the world.

According to a report in the book the records or vital statistics show that Marie Laveau, a free mulatto, was born at New Orleans in 1794, and married Jacques Paris, a carpenter, who is reported to have been three-fourths white, on August 4, 1819. Jacques died in 1822, less than three years after the marriage, and Marie assumed the title of "Veuve (widow) Paris", which is noted in the inscription on her tomb in the St. Louis cemetery No. 1, but there is no record of the interment of Jacques Paris.

According to the Picayune of June 25, 1873, there were at that time three hundred Voodoos in the city, presided over by a queen. It is reported in the Picayune of June 25, 1873, that there were at that time three hundred Voodoos in the city, presided over by a queen. It is reported in the Picayune of June 25, 1873, that there were at that time three hundred Voodoos in the city, presided over by a queen.

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reading one of the "Salty Sayings." Well, it all resulted I was in the doghouse for giving 9-year-old Sonya that book of "Salty Sayings." Just a few of the sayings that have been considered as not the type reading Sonya should be doing. But those kind were just a few

quotes in "Salty Sayings." Most of the sayings were really cute and those were the ones I had read when checking through the book to make a decision if it was what Sonya should have. She loved it but her parents weren't very happy about it. So now I have the problem of getting Sonya a gift. That one she just lost.

A 40-CARAT ring sounds impossible, but that was one of the gifts Jackie Kennedy (now Mrs. Kennedy) received on her 40th birthday Monday. She celebrated her birthday with a party aboard the yacht Christina decorated with 500 red roses.

There is another push on to outlaw or limit the ownership of guns in America, especially pistols. I am against anything that will limit my freedom but if the powers that be can show me and a lot of other gun owners that turning in our gun will help civilize the many people who kill other people, I am sure we will listen. If some law can be passed to make it legal to arrest someone with a gun, even though no search warrant was issued, this will remove the loophole open to those determined to break the law for their own self centered purpose. As I understand the present

recommended law, we would be on our honor to tell the sheriff or police, "I have a hand gun, give me a license if you think I should keep it, otherwise pay me the twenty dollars and take my gun." I don't feel that I would fall in the class of "need it" and would take my money, but how many people, good and bad, would not do this. The average citizen who wanted to keep the gun would stick it deep into a dresser drawer and the crook would put his where ever he puts it now.

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With Ferrin Cox

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## Miss Cooper Honored At Bridal Parties

The home of Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr., was the setting for a miscellaneous shower, Thursday afternoon, July 24th, honoring Miss Susan Cooper, who will be married to Philip Bernstein.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Vaughan, were Mrs. Kasper Anderson, Mrs. Robert Marsh, Mrs. James Williams and Mrs. Paul Windham.

Mrs. Vaughan greeted the guests at the door and escorted them to the receiving line composed of Mrs. Robert Cooper, Jr., the honoree, Mrs. Edwin Wise, Montgomery, Miss Ann Bernstein, Montgomery, Mrs. Nell Cooper and Mrs. Martha Johns of Opp, grandmothers of the bride-to-be.

Miss Vicki Vaughan and Mrs. James Bryan served punch and cookies at a picturesque tea table. The table was covered with a hand-made linen cloth, and was decorated with a five-branch silver candelabrum holding pink tapers and pink roses.

Arrangements of cut flowers decorated the den and bedrooms where the attractive and useful gifts were displayed. Miss Tina Anderson, Miss Lynn Marsh, and Miss Louise Williams presided in the gift rooms.

The 100 guests calling during the afternoon were registered by Miss Carol Vaughan.

**LUNCHEON**  
A luncheon honoring Miss Cooper was held Saturday, July 19th at the Opp Country Club. Hostesses for the delightful event were Mrs. Sam Collier and Miss Harriet Collier.

The bride's luncheon table held an arrangement of mums and white and yellow daisies. Other tables were centered with yellow carnations.

The honoree was presented an Oriental style tray as a gift from the hostesses.

Those attending with Miss Cooper were Mrs. Robert Cooper, mother of the bride-to-be; Mrs. Philip Bernstein, Montgomery, mother of the groom-to-be; Miss Linda Johns, Dothan; Miss Terry Wise, Montgomery; Mrs. Nell Cooper, Mrs. Kasper

### KITCHEN SHOWER

Miss Cooper was complimented with a kitchen shower July 19th at 10 a.m. in the home of Mrs. T. K. Dorsey, with Mrs. Cecil Prescott, Mrs. Eris Paul, Mrs. John W. Sharpless, and Mrs. Gethel Pinkard as co-hostesses.

The guests were served refreshments and each plate held a miniature utensil applicable to the kitchen.

The gifts were opened by the honoree and each person attending brought a recipe.

Those attending were: Mrs. Edwin Cooper, Miss Harriet Collier, Mrs. Sam Sawyer, Mrs. Louise E. Inman, Mrs. Robert Cooper, Mrs. James Bryan, Mrs. D. M. English, Miss Becky English, Mrs. Paul Windham, Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr., Mrs. C. E. Dorsey, Mrs. Claude Dorsey, Mrs. Kasper Anderson, Mrs. Fred Cramton, Mrs. Bancroft Cooper, Miss Janice Davis, Mrs. Philip Bernstein, Montgomery, Miss Terry Wise, Montgomery, Miss Janet Murphree, Miss Page Rowe, Miss Elaine Miller, and Mrs. Fred Smith.

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## Couple To Exchange Vows

Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson Windham announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice Virginia, to Earl Glenn Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Smith of Opp.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David H. Windham of Elba and Mrs. A. I. Neighbors and the late Mr. Neighbors of Alexandria City, Alabama.

She is a graduate of Elba High School and is presently attending Auburn University.

Grandparents of the groom-to-be are the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith of Opp and the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Roney of Samson.

He was graduated from Opp High School and is attending Auburn University.

The wedding will be held at the Damascus Baptist Church, September 13, at 7:30 in the evening.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

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3. What percentage of American men get regular physical check-ups?  
10% 15% 25% 35% 66%



American women? 20% 40% 60% 80%  
4. Which sex has the most cancer deaths? Men? Women?  
5. What are the chances of a two-pack-a-day cigarette smoker dying of lung cancer?  
1 in a million 1 in a hundred 1 in a thousand 1 in ten  
6. What simple test detects uterine cancer in women when it is almost 100% curable?  
X-ray Rorschach Pap test

## Shower Honors Sara Warr

On Tuesday afternoon, July 22nd, Miss Sara Warr, both formerly of Leesburg, Florida, presently residing in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. R. A. Sewell, Co-hostesses were Mrs. James Wise, Mrs. T. K. Dorsey and Mrs. Sam Sawyer.

Mrs. Sawyer greeted the guests and directed them to the receiving line, receiving with Miss Warr were her mother, Mrs. E. M. Warr, Mrs. W. D. Strong, mother of the groom-to-be and Miss Harriet (Happy) Strong,

the refreshments. The round registry table held an arrangement featuring dainty parasols, white wedding bells entwined with lily of the valley and yellow miniature mums designed in the form of a 'S' starting at the left.

Miss Page Rowe registered the guests in the bride's book and Miss Janet Murphree and Miss Elaine Miller directed them through the gift rooms. The gifts were displayed on tables accented by huge ribbons and bows fastened at the corners.

For the occasion, Miss Warr chose a yellow voile dress with a basque waist line and gathered skirt trimmed in lace. She wore matching accessories and a yellow orchid.

Persons admitted to the Elba General Hospital during the period of July 22 through July 29 were the following:

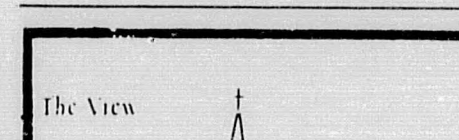
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Persons discharged as of this time were: Madge Page, Keith Adcock, Susan Adcock, Grover Kelley, Shirley Pope, Ruby Nell Cordle, Wayne Wyrosdick, Ila Hurd, Sheppard Horn, Gwendolyn Harris, Emma Cole, Marsha Lowery, Malgram Harrison, Denise Beck, Lucien Maddox, Molly Burch, Joe Donnie Morrow, Katreen Vaughan, Jerome Senn, Rodney Hamm, Malgram Miles, Earlene Pool, Lawrence Bowers, Juanita Goosby, Prinecell Kelley, Kathryn Peacock, Billy Ray Bryant, Hollis Carr, Mary Alice Wise, Rodney Stoudmire, Wilbur Dorrough, George Hocutt, Patricia Boggs, Della Calimore, Claudine Davis, Lee H. Smith, Hubert Morrow, Pastine Johnson, Eugene Jones.

The grandparents of the future groom are the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Maddox and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe DeVane, all of Elba.

He is a graduate of Elba High School and Auburn University and is presently serving as a Lieutenant in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Wolters, Texas.

A graduate of Elba High School, she is a senior at



COME TO JESUS

Often one may relieve a great deal of hostility by telling someone to "Go to the Devil." But such action hardly demonstrates Christian maturity, and you can be sure it is far from the spirit of Christ.

The author of a tract entitled, "Come to Jesus," became engaged in a heated dispute with another writer over a theological question. He wrote his opponent a blistering, sarcastic reply, but was then puzzled for a title to his "masterpiece of rebuke."

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Mrs. Sawyer greeted the guests and directed them to the receiving line, receiving with Miss Warr were her mother, Mrs. E. M. Warr, Mrs. W. D. Strong, mother of the groom-to-be and Miss Harriet (Happy) Strong,

the refreshments. The round registry table held an arrangement featuring dainty parasols, white wedding bells entwined with lily of the valley and yellow miniature mums designed in the form of a 'S' starting at the left.

Miss Page Rowe registered the guests in the bride's book and Miss Janet Murphree and Miss Elaine Miller directed them through the gift rooms. The gifts were displayed on tables accented by huge ribbons and bows fastened at the corners.

For the occasion, Miss Warr chose a yellow voile dress with a basque waist line and gathered skirt trimmed in lace. She wore matching accessories and a yellow orchid.

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## Samuel Simmons Is Serving In Vietnam

Equipment Operator Second Class Samuel L. Simmons, USN, son of Mrs. Margie Simmons of 14A, Smith Ave., Elba, and husband of the former Miss Retha M. Kyser of 1420A Geneva Drive, Gulfport, Mississippi, is serving in Vietnam with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (MCCB) 133.

The battalion's base camp is at Camp Wilkins, six miles southwest of Hue, ancient imperial city of Vietnam.

On the third Vietnam tour since being commissioned in 1966, the Seabee battalion will engage in hundreds of construction projects to support U. S. and Allied combat operations throughout the five northernmost provinces of the republic.

MCCB 133 was originally commissioned in 1943 and achieved fame in World War II operations such as the invasion of Iwo Jima.

Col. Blissille Awarded Legion Of Merit

Army 1st Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Blissille, whose wife, Reba, lives in New Brockton, received the Legion of Merit July 2 while serving with Headquarters U. S. Army Aviation School at Ft. Rucker.

Sergeant Ham is a weather technician with the detachment operating with the United States Army, Europe forecast center.

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The sergeant is a graduate of Elba High School.

## Tommy Boothe Is Stationed At Pensacola

Naval Aviation Officer Candidate Tommy M. Boothe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm M. Boothe of Route 2, and husband of the former Miss Cathy A. McCarty, Route 2, Elba, has reported to the Aviation Officer Candidate School at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

The classes last for 11 weeks. Instruction includes Naval history and world affairs, Naval justice, leadership, physical fitness, swimming, communications, seamanship and military instruction.

Upon completion of the course he will receive a commission as an ensign.

James Ham Assigned To Weather Squad

Technical Sergeant James F. Ham, Jr., son of Mrs. Belle C. Ham of Elba, is a member of Detachment 14 of the 7th Weather Squadron at Hildesberg, Germany, that has won the Air Weather Service (AWS) Moorman Award.

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# Washington Report

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Nothing ever exposed the hypocrisy of Northern liberals so clearly as did the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and as its expiration date draws close, supporters are as sanctimonious as ever.

The act was tailor-made for those who have built their reputations darning the South, while sweeping the dirt of their own indiscretions and the sins of their own regions under the rug.

Only seven states were affected: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia, and Alaska, along with 26 counties in North Carolina and one each in Arizona, Hawaii, and Idaho.

Scheming was evident in the formula used to determine which states would have their literacy qualifications abolished. Affected were those that had less than 50 percent voted in that year's general election.

Attorney General Mitchell really smoked out the rats with the Nixon Administration's proposal for a nation-wide ban on voter literacy tests and residency rules. He would let the 1965 Voting Rights die, thereby forcing other states to take some of the bad medicine being forced on the South.

When the Attorney General brought his proposals before the House Judiciary Committee, headed by Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York City, reaction was hostile though predictable. Celler declared that the "sickness" is in the Southern "Confederate" states, not in the rest of the country. Thaddeus Stevens and his fellow Reconstructionist would have applauded.

Such notions are not only unreasonable and intolerant, they are no more than a smokescreen to hide the truth of the situation outside the South. What more fettle ground exists for investigation of voting irregularities than in Boss Daley's Chicago, where a cloud of suspicion still lingers over Presidential candidate John Kennedy's victory in Illinois in 1960? Who were the voting examiners then?

Where were the Federal snoopers when Lyndon Johnson won a seat in the United States Senate in 1948 by a handful of votes amid a storm of controversy over election irregularities in that Texas election? And who would give New York City, crawling with

on the rights of the states. So damaging are the effects of the Act on the rights of these selected states that their state legislatures are at the mercy of the Attorney General, in that no changes can be made in their election laws without the Attorney General's approval.

Those who are pushing for a five-year extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and only that, are engaged in punitive and sectional legislation. Literacy requirements, in the form of tests and grade level The Nixon proposal, as minimums, exist in other conciliatory as it might states. They exist because have seemed, is just as maintaining an intelligent unconstitutional as the 1965 electorate -- on that Act. The establishment of knows for whom and for requirements for voting what a vote is cast -- is constitutionally belongs to a sound practice, and one the states. For the Federal that the framers of our Government to tamper with Constitution followed.

election laws is to infringe Because of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Alabama and other Southern states have been singled out for special harassment and humiliation. In the name of decency, civility, and indeed democracy, the Act should die. The Civil War ended about a century ago. It's time that Reconstruction ended too.

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